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GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 111. }

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, December 30, 1861.

The following Acts of Congress are published for the information of the Army :

I..AN ACT relative to Courts Martial in the Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in time of war the commander of a division or separate brigade may appoint general courts martial, and confirm, execute, pardon, and mitigate their sentences, as allowed and restrained in the sixty-fifth and eighty-ninth articles of war to commanders of armies and departments : *Provided,* That sentences of such courts, extending to loss of life, or dismissal of a commissioned officer, shall require the confirmation of the general commanding the army in the field to which the division or brigade belongs : *And provided further,* That when the division or brigade commander shall be the accuser or prosecutor, the court shall be appointed by the next higher commander.

Approved, December 24, 1861.

II..AN ACT to provide for Allotment Certificates among the Volunteer Forces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States shall appoint, for each State having volunteers in the United States service, not exceeding three persons, who shall be authorized by the President's commission to visit the several departments of the army in which volunteers from their respective States may be, and there procure from said volunteers from time to time their respective allotments of their pay to their families or friends, duly certified in writing, and by them, or by some commissioned officer of such department, attested in pursuance of such orders as may be made for that purpose by the Secretary of War, and upon which certified allotment the several paymasters shall, at each regular payment to troops, give drafts payable in the city of New York, to the order of such persons to whom said allotments were or may be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons appointed as commissioners to carry into effect the preceding section of this act, shall receive no pay or emoluments whatever from the Treasury of the United States.

SEC 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the fifth section of the act of twelfth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, giving sutlers a lien upon the soldiers' pay, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and all regulations giving sutlers rights and privileges beyond the Rules and Articles of War be, and the same are hereby, abrogated.

Approved December 24, 1861.

III..The following are the Rules and Articles of War which refer to sutlers:

ART. 29. No sutler shall be permitted to sell any kind of liquors or victuals, or to keep their houses or shops open for the entertainment of soldiers, after nine at night, or before the beating of the reveille, or upon Sundays during divine service or sermon, on the penalty of being dismissed from all future sutling.

ART. 30. All officers commanding in the field, forts, barracks, or garrisons of the United States, are hereby required to see that the persons permitted to suttle shall supply the soldiers with good and wholesome provisions, or other articles, at a reasonable price, as they shall be answerable for their neglect.

ART. 31. No officer commanding in any of the garrisons, forts, or barracks of the United States, shall exact exorbitant prices for houses or stalls, let out to sutlers, or connive at the like exactions in others; nor by his own authority, and for his private advantage, lay any duty or imposition upon, or be interested in, the sale of any victuals, liquors, or other necessaries of life brought into the garrison, fort, or barracks, for the use of the soldiers, on the penalty of being discharged from the service.

ART. 60. All sutlers, and retainers to the camp, and all persons whatsoever, serving with the armies of the United States in the field, though not enlisted soldiers, are to be subject to orders, according to the rules and discipline of war.

IV.—JOINT RESOLUTION expressive of the recognition by Congress of the gallant and patriotic services of the late Brigadier General NATHANIEL LYON, and the officers and soldiers under his command, at the battle of Springfield, Missouri.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 1. That Congress deems it just and proper to enter upon its records a recognition of the eminent and patriotic services of the late Brigadier General NATHANIEL LYON. The country to whose service he devoted his life will guard and preserve his fame as a part of its own glory.

2. That the thanks of Congress are hereby given to the brave officers and soldiers who, under the command of the late General Lyon, sustained the honor of the flag, and achieved victory against overwhelming numbers at the battle of Springfield, in Missouri; and that, in order to commemorate an event so honorable to the country and to themselves, it is ordered that each regiment engaged shall be authorized to bear upon its colors the word "SPRINGFIELD," embroidered in letters of gold. And the President of the United States is hereby requested to cause these resolutions to be read at the head of every regiment in the army of the United States.

Approved December 24, 1861.

V.—The President of the United States directs that the foregoing JOINT RESOLUTION be read at the head of every regiment in the army of the United States.

By COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McCLELLAN:

L. THOMAS,
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OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.

